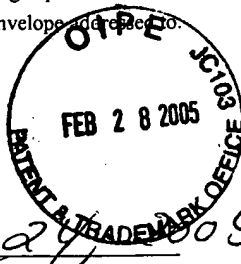


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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004. Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified U.S. patent application for three months from November 25, 2004 to February 25, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. An unsigned expert declaration of Dr. Alan Wickenden is attached hereto. Applicants are in the process of obtaining the executed version and will file it in the PTO as soon as it is obtained.